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For: LENTIVIRAL TRIPLEX DNA, AND VECTORS AND RECOMBINANT CELLS  
CONTAINING LENTIVIRAL TRIPLEX DNA

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In a Restriction/Election of Species Requirement dated April 11, 2001, the Office required restriction and election of species under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the asserted species recited in claims 1-43. In response, Applicants elect species 1 - retrovirus HIV-1.

Applicants note that the Office indicated that claims 1-3 and 6-43 are linking claims, and that, upon allowance of a linking claim or claims, the requirement will be withdrawn with respect to claims drawn to linked inventions and/or that depend from or otherwise include all of the limitations of the allowed claim(s).

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in divisional or continuation applications. Early and favorable consideration on the merits is requested.

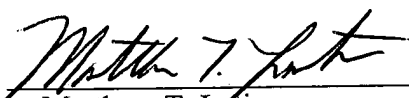
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